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Judge Thomas Walsh

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING BOARD

Thursday, June 9, 2016

8:00 a.m.

**Brown County District Attorney's Office
Truttman Room, First Floor
300 E. Walnut Street
Green Bay, Wisconsin**

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approve/modify agenda.
3. Approve/modify minutes of April 7, 2016.
4. Mental Health Grant/Detox Beds (Erik Pritzl).
5. Jail Population Numbers (Larry Malcomson).
6. TAD Grant Programs (David Lasee).
7. Mental Health Court (Judge Zuidmulder).
8. Heroin/Drug Court (Judge Walsh).
9. Future Agenda Items, if any.
10. Such Other Matters As Authorized By Law.
11. Adjourn.

Judge Thomas Walsh, Chair

Notice is hereby given that action by Committee may be taken on any of the items which are described or listed in this agenda. Please take notice that it is possible additional members of the Board of Supervisors may attend this meeting, resulting in a majority or quorum of the Board of Supervisors. This may constitute a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING BOARD

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes, a regular meeting of the Brown County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board was held on April 7, 2016 at 8:00 am in the Truttman Room of the Brown County District Attorney's Office, 300 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chair Judge Walsh, Judge Zuidmulder, Michelle Timm, David Lasee, John Gossage, Kathy Johnson, Larry Malcomson, Supervisor Evans, Erik Pritzl, Troy Streckenbach, Tim Mc Nulty, Joe Torres, John Vander Leest

1. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judge Walsh at 8:01 am.

2. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Kathy Johnson, seconded by John Gossage to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approve/modify minutes of January 21, 2016.

Motion made by Michelle Timm, seconded by Erik Pritzl to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Mental Health Grant/Detox Beds (Erik Pritzl).

Human Services Director Erik Pritzl reported on the mental health initiative funds of \$1.1 million dollars. These funds will be used to expand mobile crisis, start a day report center and provide detox services as well as transitional residential housing. Pritzl said the day report center and detox services portion will be going to the Human Services Committee for approval in the next few weeks and then on to the full County Board for approval at the April meeting. The intention is to work with Bellin on the detox beds. Pritzl is hoping that by providing detox services and then transitional residential housing the cycle can be broken for individuals. He also noted that once the day report center is approved by the full County Board, the RFP process will start and this will probably take about two months. Pritzl thought the detox services will fall under a sole source situation and he targets a start date of mid-May. He said the groups working on the initiative have done a lot of work in the first few months of the year. One area that is still missing, however, is a peer recovery component.

With regard to the day report center, District Attorney Dave Lasee said this Board should discuss how the center should be used. He noted that the day report center is not designed for post-conviction use. He felt that low risk, low need offenders would benefit from the day report center following being charged with a crime but before they are sentenced. While Lasee would like to see the number of people sentenced to probation reduced, he made it clear that those who need to be on probation will still be placed on probation. He thought a subgroup comprised of Judges, Court Commissioners and Joe Torres would be beneficial in determining what population would be best served by a day report center and what the parameters for use would be.

Lasee continued that although he is extremely thankful for the funds allotted for the day report center, they will still need to be selective on who they serve because there will not be a lot of funding to handle a large capacity of post-conviction people. He said that once the full County Board approves the day report center resolution, it will go out for RFP which will take several months but noted that decisions will have to be made as to the criteria of who will be served by the day report center.

Supervisor Evans said there are three types of criminals: those who are generally good people and just messed up and do not need to use the day report center; those who need to be in jail and should not be getting out; and then there is the middle gray area of people who really need the opportunity of a day report center and could really benefit from the services provided. He wants to be sure that the County is tough on crime and he does not want to see someone let off too easily and then screw up again. Lasee understood this and said his current work group is working on this and establishing which populations would be best served by the day report center. Evans wondered if the parameters for being accepted into the day report center should be spelled out in the RFP, but Lasee noted that Purchasing is the department that drafts the RFP and although they are very experienced in RFP's, they are not experienced in criminal work. Lasee reiterated that he felt the Judges and Court Commissioners as well as Joe Torres will be instrumental in determining the criteria and parameters of the day report center. He noted that the project scope does not change based on what types of clients will be served by the day report center. Lasee added that whoever bids on the RFP will be responsible for finding an appropriate physical location for the day report center. Judge Walsh indicated that he will bring up the day report center at the next Judge's meeting so that the Judges can start to think about what the day report center criteria should be.

5. Jail Population Numbers (Larry Malcomson).

Jail Captain Larry Malcomson noted the jail is currently at 93% capacity. There are also 102 people on the home monitors and 17 juveniles for a total of 815. Judge Walsh said they have implemented a new system with regard to the operating after revocation cases to get them taken care of quicker, but he did not feel that this is making much of a difference in jail numbers yet. Malcomson also noted that the jail capacity went from about 88% to as high as 95% following the recent arrests that were made in connection with the Drug Task Force work. Consistently the jail is at about 90% capacity.

County Executive Troy Streckenbach said he would like to see if there is a trend in terms of jail population with the work being done under the TAD grant. He would like numbers to be kept to see what the effect on the jail population is over the next few years as this would give a better understanding as to how the programs are performing. He noted that while things are being done to alleviate jail population, there are things going on in the community that are increasing the jail population at the same time and he would like to be able to see figures on that. Judge Zuidmulder recalled when Brown County took in inmates from other areas which helped generate revenue and asked Malcomson if there is a goal number he would like to have the jail population at. Malcomson responded that 85% capacity at the jail would be ideal. He continued that to attain that, the programs would need to be very, very effective and he also noted that there are things going on now that were not going on 10 – 15 years ago that people are in jail for, such as internet crimes against children. He felt that while programs are being created to help reduce the jail population, there are also things that are increasing the jail population at the same time. Sheriff Gossage said that one of the ways to alleviate jail bed days would be to get rid of the federally contracted inmates, but he noted that the County makes money from those inmates. The jail averages about 17 federal inmates daily, but that tends to ebb and flow.

Evans asked at what capacity the jail population becomes critical. Malcomson responded that that is a hard question to answer because space at the jail is relative to classification level and is hard to break down. He said the jail could be at 93% capacity and the direct supervision pods are all full, but there could still be empty cells in the special needs area, but they cannot put any of the higher risk inmates in those cells. He said that at some times 93% capacity is fine and other times it is not, depending on the classifications. Evans asked for a list of the different classifications at the next meeting and Malcomson responded that he would provide information as to the breakdown of levels and how many cells are available to house each level.

6. **TAD Grant Programs (David Lasee).**

Lasee reported that he has recently been made aware that the TAD grant, which he thought was a five year grant, is not. The grant is non-competitive and Joe Torres is going to be writing the grant application which is due by the end of May. Lasee did not think that the rug will be pulled on the grant and he is confident that the application will be good and the TAD grant will be awarded and the programs will continue. The current funding will end at the end of 2016 and the next grant would also be for a period of two years. Lasee continued that funds have already been allocated by the State.

7. **Mental Health Court (Judge Zuidmulder).**

Judge Zuidmulder brought the group up to speed on what is happening in the Mental Health Court. Currently, there are 41 participants between the Heroin Court and the Mental Health Court. Running the Mental Health Court is one of the most rewarding things that Judge Zuidmulder has ever done. He said the general population of people he typically deals with as a Judge are manipulative, lying, scheming people, but the mental health participants are people who have an illness like any other illness. They are typically very, very appreciative of the opportunity to participate in the Mental Health Court. Judge Zuidmulder noted that these people will not be cured of their mental illnesses, but they can be mended and the court has been working out very well. He talked about one individual who had law enforcement at his residence a great number of times in the six months leading up to him being admitted into the Mental Health Court six months ago. Since this individual has been involved in the Court, there has not been a single police call to his residence. This individual has also secured a good job recently and is doing well. Judge Zuidmulder said that the participants are so honest and upfront and admit when they screw up, take their punishment and move on and continue to improve. He believes the Mental Health Court has really made a difference in the lives of the participants as well as the general citizenry of Brown County.

8. **Heroin/Drug Court (Judge Walsh).**

Judge Walsh reported that there are currently 24 participants in the Heroin Court and there are a few graduations coming up. The graduates are off heroin, employed and living in their own places. The duration of the Court program is one year and in that time several of the participants have relapsed but they have self-reported to Judge Walsh and were able to get back on track in the program.

Kathy Johnson asked what the strengths and weaknesses of the program are. Judge Walsh responded that while the Court takes a lot of time, the team is incredibly invested in it and have become advocates for some of the participants. He continued that citizen members have also offered services. He sees a real investment on the part of the team members. Pritzl asked if participants are able to access treatment when they need it and Judge Walsh responded that they typically are, but the biggest problem is housing. He said that some of the participants get kicked out of the shelters and have no place to go. On a few occasions, he has kept people in jail because they did not have anywhere else to go. What is needed in Judge Walsh's opinion is good transitional housing. Streckenbach added that this is a country wide problem right now. Judge Walsh added that the shelters will not take someone on the EMP program and although there are some other options, there are not a lot of good options.

9. **Future Agenda Items, if any.**

Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest brought up the idea of the County doing some sort of public service announcements regarding the consequences of drunk driving for college age students. He noted that he has seen several college kids with multiple OWIs recently and he does not feel that they are aware of what the consequence

of that is on things like future jobs. He said these kids seem to be doing well in school but they do not always take care of their fines and obligations. He thought this Board might be interested in doing some sort of announcements of what the effects of OWIs are. Streckenbach noted that currently there is work on a county broadcast service that will be available on virtually all outlets including cable TV, Roku, Apple TV, terrestrial TV and others and that may be a good place to air announcements. Judge Walsh agreed with Vander Leest on this and felt that kids need to be targeted at the high school level. Lasee also agreed with Vander Leest and said that typically kids are not aware of the consequences of an OWI or two. Michelle Timm indicated that she had been contacted by someone who is doing a presentation at the Weidner Center for 10th and 11th graders that was looking for speakers regarding OWIs and texting while driving. Judge Walsh will get in touch with Timm so they can exchange ideas on this.

Evans questioned the \$60,000 that was recently allocated to Family Access Solutions and asked for an explanation of the program. Judge Walsh responded that Family Access Solutions deals with family law issues while this Board deals with criminal issues. Evans felt that the family issues could cross over into the criminal issues. Judge Walsh continued that he does not use the Family Access Solutions program because he does not do family law and further, he did not think that this Board would have much interest in lengthy discussions regarding family court issues, although he would be very willing to include this in a future agenda if the Board desires. Evans noted that he and the rest of the Human Services Committee approved this because of the short time line before the program's funding ran out as well as their desire to support things for the benefit of children.

10. **Such Other Matters As Authorized By Law. None.**

11. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Kathy Johnson, seconded by Erik Pritzl to adjourn at 8:59 am. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary